

Proclamation

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WHEREAS, Arbor Day, first observed in 1872, is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Trees reduce erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood and fuel; and

WHEREAS, Trees beautify our neighborhoods, increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business areas; and

WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert was designated as a 2008 Tree City U.S.A., and the Town of Gilbert strives to maintain a tree-friendly environment for residents; and

WHEREAS, The Morrison Ranch neighborhood helps us celebrate an arbor day in our community by hosting an annual arbor day event on April 21st this year; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, John W. Lewis, Mayor of the Town of Gilbert, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2012, as

“GILBERT ARBOR DAY”

in Gilbert, Arizona.

In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 19th day of April 2012.

John W. Lewis, Mayor